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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC

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1. EMBASSY ADVISED BY SCULLION, COMMONWEALTH NARCOTICS BUREAU, THAT EXCHANGES BETWEEN O'CONNOR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND DND HAVE NOW CULMINATED IN MESSAGE FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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O'CONNOR TO DND STATING CHAIRMAN'S FINAL DECISION THAT

STUDY TOUR SHOULD COMMENCE OCTOBER 8 AND CONTINUE UNTIL

NOVEMBER 4 OR SUCH LATER DATE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PERMIT ITINERARY COVERING ENTIRE LIST OF COUNTRIES NAMED IN PARA 21 OF FEB 2, 1973 ORIGINAL RESOLUTION. WE UNDERSTAND THIS MESSAGE REJECTS A RECENT PROPOSAL BY DND WHICH SUGGESTED OCTOBER 8-NOVEMBER 4 TOUR DATES, BUT CONTEMPLATED THE OMISSION OF BURMA, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, LAOS AND NEPAL. CHAIRMAN'S FINAL DECISION STATES ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES MUST BE INCLUDED WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION THAT PROVISION FOR A ONE DAY VISIT TO PHNOM PENH MAY BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO LATER DETERMINATION OF FEASIBILITY. 2. SCULLION AND O'CONNOR ASSUME THIS WILL END UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING TIMING AND ITINERARY, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL, WHILE SUGGESTING THE OMISSIONS LISTED IN PARA 1, CONCLUDED BY VOLUNTEERING THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S DECISION WOULD OF COURSE BE FINAL. **GREEN**

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